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COLORADO SPRINGS  
COLORADO, U. S. A.

Offer of discoveries in plants & seeds.

February 27th, 1937.

DEAR SIR:

I intend to spend much of the summer of 1937 collecting plants and seeds in the horticulturally unexplored regions of the high central areas in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

From the front range of the Rockies I have had the satisfaction of finding and introducing several horticultural sensations, among which are *Boykinia Jamesii*, *Melampodium cinereum*, *Phlox condensata*, *Physaria didymocarpa*, *Eritrichium argenteum*, *Gentiana Romanzovii*. But little or nothing has been introduced from the less accessible high peaks of the hinterland. Here in Colorado there are 30 to 40 peaks of more than 14,000 ft. elevation still to be tapped for our gardens. One area of 900 square miles has not a foot of railroad, just rugged roads to isolated gold and silver mines. Pressed flowers from these remote alpine regions indicate rich possibilities.

With my staff I work each area during flowering season, selecting and labelling plants of best form and color. Later we return to dig plants and gather seed. Residence in Colorado Springs, at 6,000 ft. elevation, makes possible these return trips, as well as the growing of collected plants in the nursery moraine till they are established. It has also offered rare opportunities for studying plants in their habitat and for observing their horticultural adaptability.

Discoveries in plants and seeds collected on this expedition, June to September, 1937, will be available for anyone wishing to subscribe. The groups offered are:

- No. 1—Plants and seeds.....Subscription \$120 or £24
- No. 2—Plants only .....Subscription \$ 75 or £15
- No. 3—Seeds only .....Subscription \$ 50 or £10

Plants and seeds will be equally divided among subscribers in each group, and we will not offer these otherwise until after January, 1939.

Collected plants will be sent out during September and October. Seeds will be sent as soon as ripe.

At special request of subscriber plants may be kept in our nursery and sent out Spring, 1938, at a fee of 20% of subscription, payable in advance.

With plants and seeds will be sent a list indicating the type of soil or scree and kind of location in which they grow. A professional taxonomist of wide experience with Rocky Mountain flora will confirm botanical identification.

If you wish to subscribe, please fill out the accompanying form and forward with your cheque before May 15th. Cheques on English banks are accepted. Only a limited number of subscriptions can be accepted for groups No. 1 and No. 2, so an early application is advisable

Subscription includes cost of inspection certificates for plants, packing and postage Reports from abroad state that our plants are excellently packed and arrive in good condition

Any Horticultural Society or Garden Club may take a subscription for its members.

Yours very truly,

*Kathleen N. Marriage*  
(Mrs. G. R.)

